



Community Newsletter



17 December 2008

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Join Us at the Community Town Hall

Today: Starts 6 p.m. Hosted by Col. Sorenson, USAG Grafenwoehr commander, the town hall will be at the Vilseck Multi-Purpose Center, Bldg. 134 (by railhead). All community members are invited. It's an opportunity for you to find out the latest info on programs, events, construction updates, and other important issues. Garrison directors and subject matter experts will brief topics and answer questions from community members. Join us - you CAN make a difference in your community.

Graf Boy Scout Holiday Tree and Popcorn Sale

Last weekend! Boy Scout Troop 261 has their Annual Holiday Tree and Popcorn Sale at the Grafenwoehr Post Exchange (PX) on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 12 to 3 p.m.

BOSS Tropical Island Trip for Single Soldiers

Sign up now: Sign up for the **19-21 December** trip to Berlin Tropical Islands, Europe's largest tropical holiday world. Single Soldiers are welcome to enjoy some fun in the artificial sun this holiday season. Limited seats. Call BOSS President at DSN 475-8822 or CIV 09641-83-8822.

Christmas Bunco at Vilseck's Langenbruck Center

18 December: Enjoy food, fun and prizes as the dice start to roll at 6 p.m. Pre-register as spots fill fast. Call the Langenbruck Center, DSN 476-2360, to register. Childcare is available for parents who need it. Please contact the Rose Barracks CYS Services Central Registration for more info at DSN 476-2760.

Last Chance to Get Mail to CONUS by 25 December

20 December Deadline for Express Mail to ensure your mailings are received in CONUS by 25 December. For more information, please contact your local Post Office at 475-6333 or 476-2581.

Dennis Farina and Friends Hollywood Handshake Tour

21 December: Stop by the Grafenwoehr PX from 2-4 p.m. to meet celebs such as comedian Dennis Farina (Law & Order) and others from Days of Our Lives, NYPD Blue and Saving Grace. Shake hands and get a free autograph. For more info, call DSN 475-6167.

Join a German-American KONTAKT Club Today

Here's a great way for you to experience and integrate into your local German-American community. Are you:

- interested in German-American activities?
- exploring your local area with German friends?
- learning and practicing the German language?
- learning about local culture and events?

Check out your local KONTAKT Clubs in Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Amberg. Ask your Garrison Public Affairs Office for assistance, DSN 475-8885 or DSN 475-1600. Visit: <http://www.kontakt-vilseck.de/>

Community News

Special programs, updates, community campaigns, classes and more

Army Community Services

Check out what's going on at ACS. Call DSN 476-2650 or CIV 09662-83-2650 for info and to register.

18 December:	Child Abuse Identification & Prevention 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Rose Barracks ACS
	New Parent Support Group 10-11:30 a.m.	Rose Barracks ACS
23 December:	Caterpillars and Butterflies 8:30-10 a.m.	Graf Chapel Annex
30 December:	Caterpillars and Butterflies 8:30-10 a.m.	Graf Chapel Annex

ODR Ski Trips

Sign-up for these trips now. Call Rose Barracks ODR, DSN 476-2563, or Graf ODR, DSN 475-7402

20 December:	Grosser Arbor
4 January:	Brixenthal
10 January:	Geisskopf

ITR & ODR Trips

To sign-up for these trips now, call Vilseck ITR DSN 476-2563 or Grafenwoehr ODR DSN 475-7402.

Daytrips by ITR

21 December:	Rothenburg
28 December:	Two Castle Trip

European Overnights by ITR: Sign up now

26 – 29 December:	London, England
31 December - 3 January:	New Year's in Vienna
15 – 19 January:	Paris, France trip
12 – 16 February:	Brussels and Brugge, Belgium
13 – 15 March:	Salzburg, Austria

CYS

CYS Special Openings Update

Enjoy some time away. CYS offers special openings for Families in Mission Level I, II, III and the WTU through the Army Family Covenant. Be sure to sign up soon, spots fill fast! Friday Night Openings at CDC & SAS from 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday Openings at CDC & SAS from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information on CYS Special Openings, please call Central Registration in Graf at DSN 475-6655 or in Rose Barracks at DSN 476-2760.

Youth Winter Sports Registration Information

Now – 19 December: The winter sports age cutoff is 15 March 2009. Kids can participate in Basketball, Cheerleading, and Wrestling. If you have any questions, call Dan Fraizer, Director Youth Sports & Fitness, at DSN 476-4037. To register, call CYS Service Central Registration at DSN 475-6655 or DSN 476-2760. There will be no CYS Services Youth Sports events from 22 December -4 January due to our Holiday Break.

For Families in Mission Level 1, 2, 3 and WTU

27 December: Mega Play Off-post Graf

Netzaberg Youth Center Winter Morning Camp

22 December - 2 January: Is your teen looking for something to do this winter break? Look no farther than the Netzaberg Youth Center. They have daily morning activities planned to keep the kids busy. Kids enjoy sports activities, cooking activities and even a trip to the PX. Camps run from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and are open to 6-8th grade youth registered with the CYSS Youth Center. Cost is \$40 per week including lunch. For more info on camps, call the Netzaberg Youth Center at 475-9393.

22 December: Ice breaker, team building games

23 December: Sports and fitness activities

24 December: Hiking to Grafenwoehr PX

25 December: *Closed for Holiday*

26 December: Ice Fishing/snow activities (weather permitting)

29 December: Open Recreation

30 December: Sports and fitness activities

31 December: Cooking activities

1 January: *Closed for Holiday*

2 January: Hiking and set up for overnight (8 a.m.-1 p.m.)

2-3 January: Overnight Camp—Kids enjoy a variety of activities from 9 p.m.-9 a.m. This party is open to morning camp members only. The Youth Center will be open after morning camp at 1 p.m.

More New programs coming in January and February

New Culinary Arts Program starting in January, sign up at CER now.

New Gymnastics Program starting 12 January, sign-ups at the Skills Assessment on 10 January, Bldg 221 Rose Barracks; 10 a.m. - noon for 6-9 years, 1-4 p.m. for 11-14 years, and 3-5 p.m. for 15-18 years. German language and Kinder Music classes coming in February.

SKIES Unlimited Classes

SKIES has two brand new classes being offered in January: Gymnastics and Cooking.

This is in addition to our other programs: Ballet, Lyrical Dance, Tang Soo Do, Haidong Gumdo, and Karate. Kinder Gym, and Mommy and Me classes are also available for the little ones, and piano classes are available by appointment only. Contact Graf Central Registration, DSN: 475-6655 or CIV 09641-83-6655, or Rose Barracks, DSN: 476-2760 or CIV 09662-83-2740, for info and sign up information. The gymnastics instructor will be offering an open-house skills assessment on 10 January at building 221 in Rose Barracks. Call DSN 475-9394 or Civilian 09641 839394 for times or more info.

SKIES Instructors Needed

CYS needs instructors to start new instructional programs within the SKIES Unlimited Program. CYS is looking for instructors for piano, gymnastics, musical, self-defense, martial arts, photography, theatrical arts, dance, tutors, voice coaches or whatever your talent might be. If you have an interest, hobby, or enjoy teaching, call DSN 475-9394 or CIV 09641-83-9394 for more info.

Graf Library Happenings

Pajama Party

19 December: Join the library staff in your PJs for an evening of holiday stories, songs, crafts and treats. The party runs from 6-8 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend.

Nuremberg Christkindlmarkt

22 December: In partnership with ITR, the library is heading to Nuernberg to experience the German Christmas culture. The Lebkuchen Factory and the gummi bear store are also on the itinerary. **Seat reservations must be made with ITR no later than 19 Dec.**

Garrison Christmas Tree Pick-up Schedules

Please remove all decorations beforehand. For more info call DSN 475-6664.

Grafenwoehr On-Post Housing & Single Soldier Barracks

Tuesday, 30 December & Thursday, 8 January: Post the tree NLT 7:30 a.m. at your closest Recycling Center. DPW will pick up and compost your tree.

Grafenwoehr Off-Post Housing Areas

Saturday, 10 January: Post the tree marked with a "disposal ticket" NLT 8 a.m. at your curbside. All banks in the city of Grafenwoehr sell disposal tickets for 1,50 €.

Eschenbach and Netzaberg Off-Post Housing Areas

Saturday, 10 January: Post the tree marked with a "disposal ticket" NLT 8 a.m. at your curbside. All banks in Eschenbach sell disposal tickets for 2,00 €.

Langenbruck Center Special Events

31 December: New Years Eve Party
16 January: Karaoke Night
21 January: Winter Wonder Land Bunco starts 6 p.m.

Vilseck Auto Skills Center Change in Hours of Operation

Effective 5 January: The Auto Skills Center on Rose Barracks will have new hours of operation.

Monday-Thursday	11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.
Friday	11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday	9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
German & U.S. Holidays	9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Closed the last Tuesday of every month.

For more info, call DSN 476-2521 or CIV 09662-83-2521.

Grafenwoehr Performing Arts Center Auditions

Auditions for The Shadow Box, a play by Michael Cristofer

5-7 January: Auditions from 5:30-7:30pm at the Grafenwoehr Performing Arts Center, bldg. 102/103. Casting for 4 adult male, 4 adult female and 1 teenage boy roles. Anyone under 18 interested in auditioning must have a parent/guardian present at time of audition. In-house perusal copy of script available at Performing Arts Center after December 22 during facility's open hours.

Winter Season Bowling League Signups Are Starting

Grafenwoehr Bowling Center

5 Jan, 9 am: Community Spouses League Start
5 Jan, 7 pm: Mixed League Start
9 Jan, 7 pm: Trios League Start
10 Jan, 11 am: Youth League Start
17 Jan, 11 am: MLK 9 Pin No Tap Tournament

Vilseck Bowling Center

8 Jan, 6:30 pm: Mixed League Start
10 Jan, 11 am: Bowl Like a Kid Tournament

Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration in Grafenwoehr

12 January: 11:30 am– 1:30 pm Bldg 153 (next to Graf DFAC). Open to all community members. DoD theme: “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on...not a day off.” Key Note Speaker: Major General Byron Bagby For more info contact JMTC EOA MSG Brown at 475-8038

Grafenwoehr Fitness Center Fitness Programs

Grafenwoehr Physical Fitness Center, Bldg 107.

Spinning Classes with Jody, Eric, Dennie, Heide and Viki Monday at 6:45 a.m., 9:15 a.m., Tuesday at 11:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m., Wednesday at 6:45, 9:15 a.m., and 6 p.m. Thursday: 5:30 p.m. Friday: 6:45 a.m.

Body Challenge with Shannon, Monday & Wednesday: 5 p.m., Tuesday & Thursday: 5 p.m.

Adult Yoga with Andrea, Monday & Thursday: 5:15 p.m.

Prenatal Yoga with Andrea, Wednesday: 11:30 a.m.

Body Pump with Monika, Monday & Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Combat Karate with SKIP, Thursday: 5 p.m.

Body Combat with Shannon, Friday: 9 a.m.

Kick N More with Jody, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

Core Strength with Heide, Thursday: 4:15 p.m.

Contact or stop by the Grafenwoehr fitness center for more details, DSN 475-9007 or CIV 09641-839007.

VFW Post # 10692 Grafenwoehr

Wednesdays: Open House each Wednesday at 6 p.m. Business meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. POC Commander at 0160-91423858 or the Sr. Vice Commander at 0160-95877025.

You Can Be Held Responsible for Abandoning Animals

- Individuals who are PCSing and cannot take their animals should coordinate in advance
- Contact your local Vet Clinic or a nearby German Tierheim (animal shelter) for assistance
- BE AWARE: German Tierheims have limited capacity and may refuse to take your pet!
- German Tierheims are located in Weiden (0961-25780) and Amberg (09621-82600)
- Abandoning your pet should NOT be an option—you can be held responsible for actions resulting from the abandonment.

Consequences for Abandoning Vehicles

IAW AER 190-1: Owners and Operators of USAREUR registered vehicles face the following sanctions when failing to re-register or abandoning vehicles:

1. Loss of registration privileges for any additional vehicles.
2. Mandatory suspension of driving privileges for:
 - 90 days for owning or operating an unregistered or uninsured POV (two or more offenses).
 - 180 days for disposing of a POV in an unauthorized manner.

Note to CMR Customers

During November, The United States Postal Service in New York inadvertently placed numerous First Class mail articles (to include NetFlix, monthly magazines, First Class letters and large envelopes) in with the normal standard rate mail. Thus, this mail was transported to Europe on the surface container (via shipping) resulting in at least a 30 day delay due to the handling error. It is unknown how much more mail will be arriving via surface container over the next few weeks, but the Military Postal Service Agency is aware of the issue and working with USPS to ensure this type of error does not re-occur.

Postal Service Hiring for Positions

The Postal Service is continually hiring for positions and we want your name to come up on our list. When searching for a Postal job on <http://www.cpol.army.mil/> look for the key words "Motor Vehicle Operator (Postal Operations/Finance Clerk)".

Points of Contact: Grafenwoehr - Jaye Bakalars at 475-6333

Vilseck - Gaston Cottrell at 476-2581

Consolidation of Vilseck Footlocker Storage Areas

In order to provide our customers more opportunities to pick up footlockers, the Vilseck Consolidated Mail Room (CMR 411) has consolidated all footlockers in one storage area (Bldg. 342). This includes everything that was in buildings 157-160 and 692. Originally a green or white card was provided to the customer to notify of a footlocker on hand in these buildings. Please bring these cards to bldg 342 when retrieving the articles. Hours of building 342 are Tuesday thru Friday 1 pm to 1615 pm. Please address any questions to DSN 476-2509.

The Bavarian-American, Your Quarterly MWR Publication

Our quarterly magazine is free and available throughout the community at all MWR facilities, Consolidated Mail Room locations, AAFES Post Exchange locations and many other key locations. Plan upcoming entertainment events, CYS happenings, ITR day and overnight trips and other activities using this magazine. Pick up your copy today or visit <http://www.grafenwoehr.army> and click the B-A link to read the latest issue of the magazine.

Adult / Professional Education

Univ. of Phoenix Registration for Vilseck/Grafenwoehr

Register starting 15 December: University of Phoenix is offering the following courses for the Master of Arts in Education (MA-Ed) and the Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs during Winter Term:

- Initial Class for the Master of Arts in Education (MA-Ed) Programs
- Initial Class for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programs

Both classes are classroom-based. Registration starts 15 December and ends 16 January.

Please note that Financial Aid applicants must register by January 9.

- MGT/521- First class in the MBA Program runs from 28 January - 4 March.
- COM/516- First class in the MA-Ed Program runs from 29 January - 12 February.

Contact University of Phoenix field representatives Ed Powers or Blair Benz at DSN 475-6712 in Graf or DSN 476-3605 in Vilseck.

University of Maryland Spring Registration

Register 5-16 January: On-site courses begin 18 January and online course begin 26 January.

Contact your local Field Representatives at the Vilseck office- DSN: 476-2462/ CIV: 09662-83-2462/

Email: vils@ed.umuc.edu or at the Grafenwoehr office- DSN: 475-6106/ 09641-83-6106/ Email:

graf@ed.umuc.edu. Students may learn more about admissions, registration, and schedules for undergraduate and graduate courses at www.ed.umuc.edu.

New Master's Level Classes at Vilseck

Pursue a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Starting January, we will offer an on-site weekend. The first course being offered, Organizational Behavior (MGMT 511), is one of the core courses for the MPA Program. The course dates for the MGMT 511 are: 31 Jan/1 Feb; 14/15 Feb; 28 Feb/ 1 Mar; 14/15 Mar. Classes are from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and held in the Vilseck Education Center.

For more information, contact the Vilseck UMUC office in BLDG 223 (next to the Community Bank).

Central Texas College Grafenwoehr/Vilseck Term 3

Register 5-16 January: (January 20 – March 14, 2009) course offerings:

AUMT 1405 – Introduction to Automotive Technology (4 credit hours);

CDEC 1335 – Early Childhood Development: 3-5 Years (3 credit hours);

CJSA 1313 – Court Systems and Practices (3 credit hours).

All are onsite face-to-face classes leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Contact CTC field rep Chuck Sligh at the Vilseck or Graf Education Centers for more info or email at viseck@europe.ctcd.edu or call Grafenwoehr DSN 475-6702 / CIV 09641-6702 (Mon/Wed 1000-1400 & Fri 1200-1400) or Vilseck DSN 476-2362 / CIV 09662-83-2362 (Tue/Thu 1000-1400 & Fri 0900-1100).

FAST Class

20 - 30 January: The Vilseck Education Center will be conducting a FAST Class from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) provides Soldiers with instruction in reading, mathematics, and language skills. FAST class is an excellent tool to prepare Soldiers to raise their GT score. The FAST class is a 60-hour academic course and is limited to twenty students per class. For more information please contact the Vilseck Education Center at 476-2753.

AAFES Happenings

AAFES Holiday Schedule

To receive your copy of the holiday hours, request it by e-mailing: usaggnws@eur.army.mil

Checking ID and Valid Registration before fueling

AAFES requires everyone purchasing fuel at AAFES facilities to show the proper paperwork (ID card, Germany Ration Card/Gas Coupons and Vehicle registration) prior to pumping.

Facility Closures/Construction/Detours

Reopening of Graf Tower Theater Delayed Until June 2009

The reopening of the Grafenwoehr Tower Theater will be delayed until at least 1 June 2009, according to the Director of Public Works for USAG Grafenwoehr.

AAFES is taking advantage of this project to install a Dolby sound system, rebuild their projectors and other customer enhancements.

Grafenwoehr community members are encouraged to use the Vilseck theater, open seven days a week, while the Tower Theater continues its renovations. Matinees are planned for the holidays at the Vilseck theater, and dates and times are listed in the "Bavarian News" community newspaper.

To read more on this, read the article posted to our website at: www.grafenwoehr.army.mil

Graf DFAC Dinner Serving Hours Change for Annual Party

18 December: The Bldg. 101 Main Post Dining Facility will be serving the full service dinner meal on 18 December from 4-5 p.m. A sandwich bar will be available from 5 -5:30 p.m. for To-Go plate meal card

holders only so that the Dining Facility can have its annual Christmas Party. Normal serving hours will resume starting Breakfast meal on 19 December.

Tax Relief Offices Holiday Schedule

18 December: Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Offices will close at noon for their annual Christmas Party.

25 Dec – 6 Jan: The Vilseck Tax Relief Office will be closed. The Grafenwoehr office will be open.

Grafenwoehr - Gettysburg Ave - Bldg 540

Through 19 December: Road construction across **Gettysburg Ave**, west of Bldg 540 will block one lane at the time. Please, slow down and watch out for oncoming traffic.

Graf Directorate of Human Resources Closed for Party

19 December: At 11:30 a.m., the Directorate of Human Resources, USAG Grafenwoehr, will be closed for their Annual Christmas Party. Below DHR sections (Grafenwoehr and Vilseck) will be closed:

Military Personnel Division (MPD) to include: (* **Emergency Contact Phone Numbers**)

Emergency Leave *0162-2711631

In/Out Processing *0162-2721467

Casualty *0162-2960820

*0162-2960817

ID Cards/Passports *0162-4788046

*0175-9862255

Administrative Service to include

Community Mail Room Vilseck *0170-1683771

Community Mail Room Grafenwoehr *0163-7528715

APO Vilseck *0174-7636596

APO Grafenwoehr *0176-67333821

ASB/Official Mail *0160-8352509

Army Continuing Education System *0175-3388359

Army Substance Abuse Program *0162-7693425

Workforce Development *0176-43034698

Civilian Misconduct Action Authority (CMAA)

Directorate of Emergency Services

19 December: All Services of the Directorate of Emergency Services Bldg 2099 in Vilseck, including Vehicle Registration Bldg 301 in Grafenwoehr and IACS Offices Grafenwoehr/Vilseck will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Annual Christmas Party MP Desk operations will remain fully staffed.

Personal Property Processing Office (PPPO) in Vilseck

19 December: Vilseck building 215 will close at 12 p.m. for their annual Christmas party.

Graf and Vilseck DPW Closure for Holiday Party

19 December: The USAG Grafenwoehr DPW, except for the Housing Offices and the Furniture Warehouse in Eschenbach, will close down at 11:30 a.m. Only emergency services will be available.

Holiday Schedule for Vehicle Registration (Graf Bldg 301)

19 December Closing at 11 a.m. for Christmas Party

24 December Closing at 11 a.m.

25-26 December Closed for German Holidays

31 December Closed for Yearly Inventory
1 & 6 January Closed for German Holidays

Vilseck Food Court Christmas Party

21 December: The Vilseck Food Court will be closing early at 5 p.m. for their annual Christmas party.

Community Bank Hours of Operation during Holiday Season

24 December Christmas Eve OPEN from 9 a.m. to noon
25 December Christmas Day CLOSED
26 December 2nd Christmas Day CLOSED
31 December New Years Eve OPEN from 9 a.m. - noon
1 January New Years Day CLOSED
6 January Three Kings Day CLOSED

Vilseck & Grafenwoehr Libraries Holiday Closures

24 – 26 December: CLOSED
31 Dec – 1 January: CLOSED

Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Health Clinic

24 December: Christmas Eve-open 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
25 – 26 December: Christmas-closed 25-26
31 January: New Year's Eve-open 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
1 January: New Year-closed

Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Commissary Closure

24 December: The Graf commissary will close early on Wednesday; store operation will be from 8:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m.
25-26 December: Both the Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Commissaries will be closed.

Auto Skills Center—Change in Hours of Operation

5 January: the Auto Skills Center on Rose Barracks will have new hours of operation. For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at DSN 476-2521 or CIV 09662-83-2521.
Monday - Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
German & U.S. Holidays: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Closed the last Tuesday of each month.

Post Office Hours Change

The following is a list of the new hours for the Vilseck and Grafenwoehr Post Offices (APO), Community Mail Rooms (CMR) and Official Mail Distribution Centers (OMDC). These hours will continue past the Christmas season, minus the Saturday hours.

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturday (Grafenwoehr: 29 November, 20 December
Vilseck: 6 December, 13 December)

Both Vilseck and Grafenwoehr will offer two Saturdays each during the holiday season for mailing packages and every Saturday until 3 January 2009 for mail pick-up.
For more information, please contact your local Post Office at 475-6333 or 476-2581

Grafenwoehr Health/Dental Clinic

Due to construction, the road from Gettysburg Ave. to the staff parking area of the clinic will be blocked.

Religious

Grafenwoehr Protestant Women of the Chapel

18 December: We invite you to join us for a Christmas Coffee House from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Graf Chapel Annex. Child care is available for all children. Parents please provide dinner for your children. For more information, contact us at pwoc_graf@yahoo.com

AWANA- Chapel Program for Kids at Graf & Vilseck

AWANA is a kid-focused Chapel program for Graf & Vilseck kids, ages Pre-K (4-years old) through 6th grade. It meets Sunday afternoons during the school year (except 4-day training holiday weekends) from 3:30-5:15 pm at Graf Chapel Annex. Contact: AwanaGraf@yahoo.com for more information.

21 December – 4 January: No AWANA

11 January: AWANA resumes

Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Holiday Chapel Schedule

24 December: Christmas Eve Mass, Vilseck Chapel at 4 p.m. (Catholic)

24 December: Christmas Eve Service followed by Christmas Cookie Fellowship, Vilseck Chapel at 6:30 p.m. (Protestant)

24 December: Christmas Eve Service Graf Chapel at 6 p.m. (Protestant)

24 December: Christmas Eve Mass, Graf Chapel at 8 p.m. (Catholic)

31 December: Watch Night Service (Netzaberg Pentacostal Service) Graf Chapel at 10 p.m.

1 January: New Years Eve Mass Graf Chapel at 11 a.m. (Catholic)

Website for regular services: <http://www.grafenwoehr.army.mil/sites/support/religious.asp>

Health & Medical Corner

Medical Staff Guests on the AFN Live Morning Radio Show

22 December: Medical staff will be guests on the AFN live morning radio show from 8 – 10 a.m. and available to talk about the flu, and what to do to prevent you and your family from becoming sick from the flu virus and other illnesses.

Guests will include Lt. Col. (Dr.) Elizabeth Hirsch, Vilseck Health Clinic Commander; Dr. Renate Lukezic, pediatrician; Capt.(Dr.) Ferguson, Vilseck Health Clinic; and Capt.(Dr.) Sarah Niles, Chief, BMEDDAC Preventive Medicine.

Call DSN 476-3176 or CIV 09662-83-8176 during the live show. For Grafenwoehr and Vilseck communities, tune into AM 1107. For other communities, please go to <http://bavaria.afneurope.net/> to find the correct station.

Grafenwoehr Health Clinic

The Grafenwoehr and Vilseck Health Clinics' hours of operations will be affected for the following holidays. For more information, please call the Grafenwoehr front desk at 475-8398/7152

24 December: Christmas Eve-open 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

25-26 December: Christmas-closed

31 December: New Year's Eve-open 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

1 January: New Year-closed

Vilseck Health Clinic Service Locations

Due to renovations at the Vilseck Health Clinic Annex Bldg 225, there are changes to service locations:

- Tri-Care Service Center has moved to building 168 (near the WTU buildings).
- Walk-in hours are Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, please call CIV 09662-83-2000/3323 or DSN 476-2000/3323.
- Tri-Care Enrollment is located in the main Vilseck Health Clinic, Bldg 250, and sees patients on a "walk-in" basis.
- Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Community Health Nursing, and MEB services are now located in a modular building behind Bldg 225. Contact phone numbers remain the same for each service. For more info, please call CIV 09662-83-3322 or DSN 476-3322."

TRICARE's Nurse Advice Line

- Talk to a nurse about your health care concerns
- Get self-care advice to help you or your family member feel better now.
- **From a landline:** 0800-825-1600 **from a cell phone:** 00800-4759-2330

School News

DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

Now – 28 February: Students in the 4th to 12th grade and parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the survey. <http://www.dodea.edu/home/index.cfm>

Vilseck Elementary School

22 December	Begin Winter Recess
5 January	Back to school
9 January	Muffin for Moms, Donuts for Dads - VES Annex 0745-0815
15 January	Family Library Night 1700-1830
19 January	No school - Martin Luther King Day
22 January	Family Library Night 1700-1830
22 January	End of 2nd quarter
23 January	No school for students - Teacher Record Keeping Day
26 January	Begin 3rd quarter
29 January	Family Library Night 1700-1830
30 January	No school for students - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Grafenwoehr Elementary School

18 December:	STAR assembly
22 December:	Winter break begins
5 January:	Return to school

15 January:	PTSA meeting
19 January:	No School MLK Jr. Day
22 January:	Bedtime stories from 6 – 7 p.m.
23 January:	No School for Students-Teacher Record Keeping Day
29 January:	Parent Teacher Conferences (Kindergarten only)
30 January:	Parent Teacher conferences

Netzaberg Middle School

17 December:	Band and Choir Concert
22 Dec - 2 Jan:	Winter Recess
8 January:	School Improvement Leadership Team
19 January:	No School, Federal Holiday
20 January:	Spelling Bee
22 January:	End of Qtr 2 and Semester 1
23 January:	No School, Teacher Work Day
27 January:	Principal's Chat 4-5 p.m. Library
28 January:	Continuing School Improvement, CSP, parents welcomed and needed POC:
29 January:	End-of-Semester Awards, 8th grade
29 January:	Student Assistance Committee

Vilseck High School

20 December: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Falcon Winter Wrestling Tournament, Events Center (Gym) at the High School.

Please call the high school at 09662-83-2864 or DSN: 476-2864 for any questions you may have.

Yearbooks

Parents - Reserve your yearbook today for only \$20.00. This price is good until February 13th, 2009. After this date the yearbooks will be \$25.00. No yearbooks will be sold after March 14, 2009. So hurry and reserve that yearbook.

Was ist Los?

Get involved in the local scene!

Flea Markets

20 December: 8 a.m.: in 92637 Weiden, Volksfestplatz, Leuchtenberger Straße.

Historic Romantic Christmas Fair at Guteneck

<http://www.schloss-guteneck.de/weihnachtsmarkt/index.php?sub=weihnachtsmark> (click on English version)

20 December : 2 - 10 p.m.

21 December: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Dive into a world of contemplation full of festive atmosphere. Features many medieval craftsmen: Knife-grinder (bring your old knives and scissors), smith, spinning, glass painting, bakery, shoemaker, broom-maker, oriental tent with Persian sweets, sculptor, pottery, brush maker, lamp maker etc.

Every half hour there will be shuttle buses from Nabburg train station and Nabburg Nordgauhalle parking. Guteneck is next to Nabburg, on A-93, from Weiden towards Regensburg.

Advent Concerts in Weiden

Every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. and every Sunday at 6:15 p.m. musical groups and choirs will sing and play seasonal music on the steps of the Old Townhall in the Weiden pedestrian zone.

18 December: Grafenwoehr's German-American choir "The Encore" will perform.

18th Annual Forest Christmas in Sorghof

20 December: Starts 5 p.m. at the "Dorfplatz" (Yard beside the Sorghof Church) in the center of Sorghof. Warm your hands at the crackling fire while you listen to a brass band play. Then visitors and shepherds will walk 400 yards to the nearby forest in a torchlight procession, following the "Star of Bethlehem." There will be a live "Weihnachtskrippe" (a live nativity scene), booths with food and refreshments, and another crackling bonfire, musical entertainment and more.

Ice Stadium Weiden

27 December: Family Skating Day at the Weiden ice rink from 2 - 6:30 p.m.

http://www.freizeitzentrum-weiden.de/Therme_05_Anfahrt.htm

Historic Nativity Scenes

Through 11 January: The Stifftlandmuseum in Waldsaasen (north on A-93) presents an exhibition of carved and painted historic nativity scenes from Bavaria and Bohemia every day, except 24 December, from 1-5 p.m. Entrance fee 3 Euro for adults and 1 Euro for students, children up to six are free.

Through 18 January: Rural nativity scenes from this region are exhibited at the Museums Quartier, Regensburger Str. 6 in Tirschenreuth. Open daily, except 24 December and 31 December, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance fee 3 Euro for adults and 1 Euro for students, children up to six are free.

Travel Advisory/Customs/Force Protection

USAREUR Holiday Travel Guidance

The holiday season is inherently a period of increased vulnerability. There are large gatherings, religious/symbolic events, maximum leaves and key leadership gone. The following are some easy to follow personal security measures.

1. Travel in small groups.
2. Always let someone know your travel plans.
3. Do not draw attention to yourself.
4. Be aware of your surroundings.
5. If you happen upon a spontaneous gathering or demonstration leave the area.
6. Stay away from High Risk Areas.
7. Keep emergency numbers with you at all times.
8. Carry a cell phone.
9. Keep your vehicle in good running order and fuel at least half full.
10. If there is an incident at your destination or along your travel route inform someone of any changes in your travel.
11. Consider joining an Auto Club in the event of a mechanical breakdown.
12. If possible do not stay in hotels that mainly cater to Americans.

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Publicize your Community Event in the Weekly Newsletter

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